

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (Canceled)

5. (New) A knitting method of tubular knit fabric wherein multiple tubular portions are knitted and connected, using a flat-knitting machine comprising at least one pair of facing needle beds that extend in the sideways direction and face each other front to back, wherein at least one of the facing needle beds is capable of racking in the sideways direction, and the flat-knitting machine is capable of transferring stitches between facing needle beds; wherein;

the tubular portion with directionality toward a predetermined tubular portion is turned by a predetermined amount by transferring of stitches of the tubular portion with directionality and by racking of the needle bed, in which the stitch of the tubular portion with directionality that is farthest from the predetermined tubular portion is transferred so that the tubular portion with directionality turns into the predetermined tubular portion, following which knitting is performed so as to link the tubular portion with directionality to the predetermined tubular portion in a state wherein the state of being turned is sustained;

so as to shape the overall shape of the tubular fabric to match the configuration of a human body.

6. (New) A knitting method of tubular knit fabric according to Claim 5, wherein, with regard to a knit garment comprising glove portions and sleeve portions and a bodice portion, the glove portions and the sleeve portions and the bodice portion are continuously knit after performing a turning operation so that the thumb of the glove faces the front side of the body after completion of the knit garment, by the racking operation of the needle bed and the transferring of the stitch immediately following the knitting of said glove portion to an empty needle.

7. (New) A knitting method of tubular knit fabric according to Claim 5, wherein with regard to a glove comprising four fingers and one thumb of knit fabric, wherein, before connecting the four fingers and the one thumb, the thumb is turned in the range of one quarter turn or less by the racking

operation of the needle bed and the transferring of the stitches of which said thumb has been knit to empty needles, following which the four fingers and the thumb are connected, thereby knitting so as to connect the four fingers and the thumb to a five-finger tube.

8. (New) A tubular knit fabric, wherein multiple tubular portions are knitted and connected, using a flat-knitting machine comprising at least one pair of facing needle beds that extend in the sideways direction and face each other front to back, wherein at least one of the facing needle beds is capable of racking in the sideways direction, and the flat-knitting machine is capable of transferring stitches between facing needle beds; wherein;

the tubular portion with directionality toward a predetermined tubular portion is turned by a predetermined amount by transferring of stitches of the tubular portion with directionality and by racking of the needle bed, in which the stitch of the tubular portion with directionality that is farthest from the predetermined tubular portion is transferred so that the tubular portion with directionality turns into the predetermined tubular portion, following which knitting is performed so as to link the tubular portion with directionality to the predetermined tubular portion in a state wherein the state of being turned is sustained;

so as to shape the overall shape of the tubular fabric to match the configuration of a human body.